

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-2 and 5-6 have been amended. Claims 2 and 6 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 7 and 10-25 have been previously cancelled. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1, 3-5 and 8-9 are presented for examination. The following remarks are in response to the final Office Action, mailed August 14, 2006 and the advisory action mailed October 24, 2006.

Support for the Amendments

Support for the amendments to the claims can primarily be found in the Specification at page 8, line 17 – page 9, line 9.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1-6 and 8-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gao, U.S. Patent No. 6,581,094 (“Gao”), in view of Using Network Discovery Architecture (Chapter 8), Microsoft Corp., 1999, (“Microsoft”) and further in view of Seshadri., et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,615,201 (“Seshadri”).

Applicant respectfully submits that Gao discloses a browser on a display device which is used to “display the contents of the UDD file, including identity attributes, system attributes, geography attributes.” Further, a visual page is provided to allow a “user to interact with a displayed UDD file.” (col. 11, lines 25-36). Gao further discloses executing “[a] method executed by *one or more digital devices operating in a networked environment includes . . . storing a network address for each digital device in a set of digital devices within a networked environment . . .* [and a] Uniform Device Descriptor

file is associated with each digital device of the set of digital devices.” (Abstract; emphasis provided). Gao further discloses “[t]he *server preferably includes a search module . . . [to facilitate] searches for specified digital devices within the networked environment . . . [and] the routing module operates to deliver a specified UDD file to a selected digital device within the networked environment so that the UDD file may be visually displayed on the selected digital device.*” (col. 3, lines 42-51; emphasis provided).

Microsoft discloses a “[n]etwork discovery [that] discovers subnets, creates discovery data records (DDR)s for network devices that have a Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) agent, and learns how they are connected. During topology discovery, Network Discovery first connects to the local router to collect IP addresses from its ipRoutNextHop routing table.” (page 2, topology section).

Seshadri discloses “[a] computer network management arrangement [that] employs enhanced network elements that include database technology.” (Abstract).

In contrast, claim 1, in pertinent part, as amended, recites that “at least one of the network devices includes an XML discovery information file, [and that] at least one of the network devices does not include an XML discovery information file, [and] receiving . . . discovery information from a proxy device for the network devices that do not include XML discovery information files.” (emphasis provided). Applicant submits that Gao, Microsoft and Seshadri all fail to teach or reasonably suggest such a feature. Gao discloses a server that includes *a search module that facilitates searches for specified digital devices within the networked environment*; however, Gao fails to account for some of the devices on the network not including the necessary information files to properly respond to the search module. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the

rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims be withdrawn.

Claim 5 includes limitations similar to those of claim 1. Thus, for the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 5 and its dependent claims be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.


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Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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